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	Ronald Laneau		3714	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In this case, the independent claims at least do not have a computer implementation performing all the steps of the method claims. Therefore, claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 USC § 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yacenda (US 2004/0014514 A1).

As per claims 1, 14, Yacenda discloses a method of conducting a gaming activity, comprising: providing at least one player an opportunity to participate in a gaming activity (page 8, [0088]), said opportunity comprising providing said at least one player with an opportunity to select an outcome of a separate event (page 2, [0017], and page 3, [0024]; qualifying said at least

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one player that selects a winning outcome in said separate event for participation in a first random drawing (page 10, [0103], [0106]); and determining at least one first winner in said first random drawing (pages 10-11, [0108]).

As per claims 2, 4, 15, Yacenda discloses a method further comprising: qualifying said at least one first winner in said first random drawing for participation in a second random drawing; and determining at least one second winner in said second random drawing (plurality of random drawings are done and a winner is selected for each drawing).

As per claim 3, Yacenda discloses a method wherein said opportunity to participate in said gaming activity further comprises requiring said at least one player to register to participate in said gaming activity (page 4, [0058]).

As per claims 5, 6, 16, 17, 31 Yacenda discloses a method wherein said opportunity to participate in said gaming activity further comprises: providing said at least one player an opportunity to select a participant to win a league championship; responsive to an outcome of said league championship, qualifying said at least one player that selected a winning participant in said league championship for participation in a third random drawing; and determining a winner of said third random drawing (winning players are allowed to participate in a championship wherein a winner will be declared in a random drawing).

As per claims 7, 8, 18-21, Yacenda discloses a method wherein providing said at least one player said opportunity to select said outcome of said separate event comprises: distributing at least one entry ticket to said at least one player; providing at least one drum; and allowing said at least one player to select said outcome by depositing said at least one entry ticket in said at least one drum. (page 2, [0017] – [0018]).

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As per claims 9-13, 22-25, 27, 28, Yacenda discloses a method wherein providing said at least one player said opportunity to select said outcome comprises allowing said at least one player to select at least one team participating in a sporting event (inherent feature); further comprising awarding a first prizes to said at least one first winner in said first random drawing (first random drawing and a first winner is selected); further comprising awarding a second prize to said at least one second winner in said second random drawing (second random drawing and a second winner is selected); further comprising awarding a third prize to said at least one third winner in said third random drawing (third random drawing and a third winner is selected); further comprising conducting said gaming activity in conjunction with a business enterprise Lottery Enterprize).

As per claims 29, 30 and 32, Yacenda discloses a system further comprises a members club (subscriber); further comprises at least one gaming device configured to conduct a casino game (page 4, [0057]); wherein said identification means comprises an input device of said computer system (see abs.) input

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Nelson et al (US 2002/0004424 A1) disclose a method, apparatus, and system for an electronically distributed game of skill.
- Reiss et al (US 6,656,042 B2) disclose an interactive fantasy lottery.
- Tracy et al (US 6,416,408 B2) disclose a method of playing a group participation game.

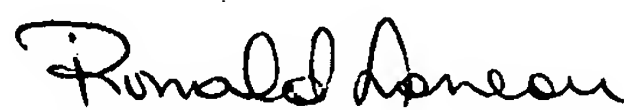
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- Khayat et al (US 2005/0130734 A1) disclose a method and system for operating a random drawing game.
- Lieberman (US 5,855,369) discloses an equipment for and methods of conducting a prize drawing game of chance.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (571) 272-6784. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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